



# Porter Henderson Library Faculty Newsletter



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## A Word from the Director

..... Dr. Maurice G. Fortin (942-2222, ext. 222)

At their recent meeting, the Texas State University System Board of Regents awarded Lee Lewis Construction (Lubbock) the contract for the Library's new floor project. Prior to the beginning of the floor construction project, asbestos abatement work will be needed in the mechanical rooms located on all three floors. At this time, the asbestos abatement work will begin the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>. While the abatement process takes place on a floor, the air handler for that floor will be turned off.

As more information on the construction work becomes available, the Library will keep the campus informed of any disruptions in access or services. Hopefully, these disruptions will be minor and short in duration.

In FY02, ASU library users performed nearly 173,000 searches in the various on-line services available through RamNet. From these searches, users printed, viewed, downloaded, and/or e-mailed over 159,000 articles, abstracts or other on-line resources. The searching total increased 21.5% over FY01. The document retrieval number increased by 72.2% over FY01. These numbers will undoubtedly continue to grow in the coming years. The Library is striving to provide reliable and authoritative information access through the various services, databases, and resources available on its Web site. In this issue of the *Newsletter*, Mark Allan, Head of Reference, provides information on print v. on-line access to periodical literature.

The rest of this current edition includes information about staff changes in Interlibrary Loan, library instruction reminders, holiday closings, and the Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection book sale.

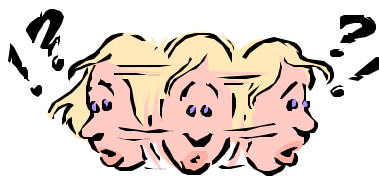
Please let me know of any improvements, new services, or resources you would like to see in the Library. ([Maurice.Fortin@angelo.edu](mailto:Maurice.Fortin@angelo.edu) or 942-2222)

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## Are Your Students DAZED & CONFUSED?

As students arrive at the Reference Desk, they are often unclear as to what their professor is actually



requiring for their research assignments. When prompted by a librarian, students often state that they

are either not allowed or must limit their use of "internet resources." But what are so-called "internet resources?" Often librarians are also uncertain as to faculty members' intent! Why the uncertainty?

Faculty usually require students to utilize periodical articles or books for research assignments. But in many cases, digital articles or even entire books (also known as e-books) may be obtained from databases that are accessible via the Internet. These are the same journal articles and books that are published in print – but students are not aware of the difference between generic "web pages" and digital journal articles or e-books included within library databases. To their mind, if it is viewable on the computer screen, it must be an Internet resource, and therefore, not acceptable for use.

Therefore, the student may not feel comfortable using perfectly good material that is accessible in these

databases. The issue is further complicated by the fact that some faculty legitimately require only the use of materials physically within the Library – either for a pedagogical purpose or in an attempt to avoid the issue of “what is a article vs. a web page” altogether. However, in order to minimize confusing both the student and librarian, greater emphasis may be required by faculty in defining what the requirements of the assignment are, whether

- 1) a limited number or no electronic resources are acceptable at all (thereby using “electronic resources” as a generic term encompassing both web pages as well as articles and e-books, but making sure that students know that all RamNet database full-text articles and e-books are *not* acceptable), **or**
- 2) that any article or book, print or digital, is acceptable from legitimate library databases (generally those available on RamNet).

This issue is particularly timely, as during Library construction noise, dust and commotion may not make the library an environment conducive to study or research. Therefore, digital articles and e-books that students can access remotely will most likely play an even greater role in their research. Consequently, when planning and explaining assignments to students, the librarians would appreciate the faculty keeping the aforementioned information in mind.

Who knows - the student's mind you save may be your own!

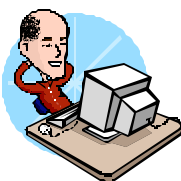
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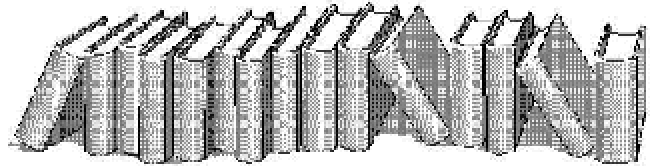
The Reference Department is pleased to announce a new member, Sharon Weber, who is now filling the position of Reference/Interlibrary Loan Library Assistant.

Sharon comes to Reference from the Cataloging Department of the Porter Henderson Library, where she has been employed for 6½ years. She is in charge of processing all interlibrary loan requests from ASU students, faculty, and staff as well as those requests made for Library resources from other institutions.

Mark Allan, meanwhile, is now able to focus his attention on



Reference duties, including library instruction, patron assistance, and collection development, as well as pondering a workers compensation claim for the hair he has lost over the past eight months performing the duties for both jobs!



## Friends Book Sale

Need some “new” books for your personal library? Or, do you have books you no longer need?

The Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection book sale will be Saturday, January 31, 2003, at the Fellowship Hall of the College Hills Baptist Church (Dena Drive and Johnson Street). The sale will run all day. If anyone is cleaning out offices or homes and has books they no longer want, we will accept them for the book sale. Contact Suzanne Campbell, 942-2164, if you have any questions or donations.

## ‘Tis the Season of Joy!

Which brings to mind syllabi and library instruction sessions, of course! (Ho, ho, ho...) It's now time to begin thinking about scheduling library instruction sessions for the spring semester.

As usual, these will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis, but with an additional wrinkle. Due to the upcoming Library construction, noise levels in the building may at times not be conducive to teaching. Therefore, alternative locations for instruction sessions may need to be located elsewhere on campus, which will necessitate earlier booking arrangements in order to accommodate preferred dates and times. **Please** schedule your instruction sessions at least a week in advance (in accordance with Library policy), and preferably three weeks or more in advance in order to provide adequate time to facilitate scheduling.

*Thank you!*

## Thanksgiving Day, 2002

No doubt many of us have just celebrated that American holiday known as Thanksgiving in the customary manner: with our families, enjoying large meals of turkey, dressing, cranberries, desserts, and football. For your enlightenment, the Census Bureau has compiled the following statistics on these Thanksgiving staples – except for football.

**270 million:** The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States in 2002. That's down 1 percent from 2001. In 2001, the turkeys produced weighed 7.2 billion pounds altogether and were valued at \$2.8 billion.

**44.5 million:** The number of turkeys North Carolina expects to raise in 2002. Another state – Minnesota – has a nearly identical total (44.0 million birds), making the Tar Heel and Gopher states the top two in turkey production. They are followed by Arkansas (29.0 million), Missouri (24.0 million), Virginia (20.0 million), California (17.7 million), Indiana (13.0 million) and South Carolina (10.0 million). These eight states are expected to account for 3 of every 4 turkeys produced in the United States in 2002.

**572 million pounds:** The forecast weight of the cranberry production in the United States in 2002, up 7 percent from 2001. Wisconsin leads all states in the production of cranberries, with 291 million pounds, followed by Massachusetts (178 million), Oregon (46 million), New Jersey (41 million) and Washington (17 million).

**1.4 billion pounds:** The weight of sweet potatoes – another popular Thanksgiving staple – produced in the United States in 2001. North Carolina (558 million pounds) produced more than any other state. It was followed by Louisiana (319 million), California (235 million) and Mississippi (224 million).

**831 million pounds:** Total U.S. pumpkin production in 2001. Illinois, with a production of 319 million pounds, led the country. There also were big pumpkin patches in California (with a production of 162 million lbs.), New York (134 million), Pennsylvania (99 million), Ohio (59 million) and Michigan (58 million). Pumpkin pie is a popular dessert at Thanksgiving.

**\$12.0 million:** The value of U.S. imports of live turkeys between January and August 2002 – all from Canada. Our northern neighbors also accounted for all (\$790,000) of the cranberries the United States

imported. When it came to sweet potatoes, however, the Dominican Republic was the source of most (\$2.4 million) of the total imports (\$2.6 million). During the period, the U.S. ran a \$6.7 million trade deficit in live turkeys, but enjoyed a \$6.5 million surplus in cranberries and a \$6.7 million surplus in the sweet potato trade.

**13.6 pounds:** Amount of turkey consumed by the typical American in 2000 – no doubt a good bit of it at Thanksgiving time. Per capita turkey consumption was virtually the same as in 1990 (13.8 pounds), but 68 percent higher than in 1980 (8.1 pounds). On the other hand, per capita sweet potato consumption was 4.3 pounds, down slightly from both 1990 (4.6 pounds) and 1980 (4.4 pounds).

### The Price is Right

**\$1:** Cost per pound in December 2001 of a frozen whole turkey. By comparison, T-bone steak ran \$7.31 per pound during the same period.

### Turkey, U.S.A.

**3:** Number of places nationwide named after the holiday's tasty gobbler. Census 2000 shows that Turkey, Texas, was the most populous, with 494 residents; followed by Turkey Creek, La. (356); and Turkey, N.C. (262). There also are 11 townships around the country named "Turkey," three of them in Kansas.

**8:** Number of places and townships in the U.S. of A. that are named "Cranberry" or some variation of the name for the red, acid berry (*e.g.*, Cranbury, N.J.).

**20:** Number of places in the United States named Plymouth, as in "Plymouth Rock," legendary location of the first Thanksgiving. Plymouth, Minn., is the most populous, with 65,894 residents in 2000; Plymouth, Mass., had 51,701. Speaking of Plymouth Rock, there is a single township (but no places) in the United States named "Pilgrim." Located in Dade County, Mo., its Census 2000 population was 135.

(From: "Facts for Features: Thanksgiving Day 2002," available online at <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2002/cb02ff19.html> or <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2002/cb02ff19.pdf>)

## Extended Hours During Final Exams



The Library will be open extended hours during the final exam period. Sunday, December 8, through Tuesday, December 10, the Library will remain open until 2:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, the Library will close at midnight.

During the evenings of December 8-10, coffee and cookies will be provided by the Center for Career Development and the Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection.

## Holiday and Intersession Hours



Dec. 14-15 .....	Closed
Dec. 16-20 .....	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Dec. 21-Jan. 1 .....	Closed for Winter Holidays
Jan. 2-3 .....	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Jan. 4-5 .....	Closed
Jan. 6-10 .....	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Jan. 11-12 .....	Closed
Jan. 13-19 .....	Begin Regular Spring Schedule
Jan. 20 .....	Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Jan. 21 .....	Resume Regular Spring Schedule

**West Texas Collection will be closed December 16-January 3**